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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph starting on page 8, line 28 with the following amended paragraph:

At step 530, music marker 101 determines whether all available e-mark display panels 304a, 304b are being used (for example, illuminated or flashing in response to user's input operation of e-mark button 203A, 203B). If it is determined that there are e-mark display panels 304a, 304b available, music marker device 101 waits for further input operation by the user at step 510. On the other hand, if it is determined at step 530 that all available e-mark display panels 304a, 304b are in use, then at step 540, electronic music marker device 101 generates an output signal to inform the user that music marker device 101 has reached its maximum number of e-marks that it can handle, and the procedure ends. In one embodiment, the output signal from music marker device 101 to inform the user that it has reached its maximum number of e-marks it can handle may be an audible output signal such as an audible tone via an audio output terminal (not shown). Alternatively, music marker device 101 may be configured to flash all e-mark display panels ~~203A, 203B~~ 203A, 203B simultaneously for a predetermined period of time to visually indicate to the user that it has reached its maximum number of e-marks that it can handle.

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Please replace the paragraph starting on page 9, line 13 with the following amended paragraph:

Figure 6 is a flowchart for illustrating one embodiment of downloading data from the user's e-marker account to the music marker device. Referring to Figure 6, at step 610, music marker device 101 detects a connection to user terminal 103 connected to the internet. After the user enters the user's account information and ~~performing~~ performs necessary e-marker account access steps at user terminal 103, at step 620, data corresponding to the e-marks (bookmarks) stored in music marker device 101 is transmitted to the user's e-marker account via gateway terminal 130, and in response, the corresponding text and/or image (including video) data are retrieved from server terminal 105 of e-marker.com web site and transmitted to the user's e-marker account. Then, at step 630, the text and/or image data corresponding to each e-marks are downloaded onto music marker device 101. At step 640, the downloaded text and/or image data are displayed on each corresponding e-mark display panel 304a, 304b on music marker device 101.

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When the user disconnects music marker device 110 from user terminal 103, the termination of the is detected at step 650, and at step 660, music marker device 101 is reset such that previously stored e-marks ~~inputted~~ which have been input by the user may be erased from the storage unit of music marker device 101, and correspondingly, the illuminated e-mark display panels 304a, 304b are turned off. The user may then operate e-mark button 203A, 203B again to input additional bookmarks of music clip broadcasts from registered radio and television broadcast stations.

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Please replace the paragraph starting on page 16, line 22 with the following amended paragraph:

Referring back to Figure 12, via input unit 740 of user terminal 103, the user may perform a drag and drop operation (using a computer mouse, for example) to drag one of the bookmarked music clips 1220 displayed on display unit 751 and to drop it in find music icon 1210. It should be noted that the user has received the list of bookmarked music clips from server terminal 105, and each of the received bookmarked music [[clip]] clips and the corresponding information is displayed on user terminal 103 output unit 750 as a separate icon or any other equivalent displaying means.

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Please replace the paragraph starting on page 17, line 31 with the following amended paragraph:

In an alternate embodiment, each user terminal 103 may be configured to communicate directly with [[each]] other user terminals 103 via data network 104 to perform find music operation. In particular, storage unit 720 of each user terminal 103 may be configured to store the user's user playlist database similar to that shown in Figure 11 upon synchronizing music marker device 101 with user terminal 103 and retrieving information corresponding to the bookmarked music clips from server terminal 105.

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Please replace the paragraph starting on page 18, line 28 with the following amended paragraph:

Figure 13 illustrates a flowchart for one embodiment of an e-marker music find function. Referring to Figure 14, at step 1310 user initiates [[a]] the find music operation from user terminal 103 as described above. Then at step 1320, search status pending display is output to display unit 751 of user terminal 103 output unit 750 for example, such as ring formation of arrows 1231 shown in Figure 12 is displayed on display unit 751 rotating in a clockwise direction. At step 1330, in one embodiment, server terminal 105 accesses user playlist databases 862 to retrieve playlists of bookmarked music clips corresponding to the bookmarked music clip which was used to initiate the find music operation. In an alternate embodiment, user terminals 103 may directly communicate with one another to execute find music operations.